



# TOASTMASTERS INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 69

## HUMOROUS SPEECH CONTEST TOASTMASTER SCRIPT

☺	= read the script out loud
text box	= instructions

☺ Ladies and Gentlemen, welcome to the Humorous Speech Contest.

☺ The subject of each Humorous speech has been selected by the contestant.

Contestants must prepare their own speeches, certified in writing to the Chief Judge. Any quoted material must be identified during the speech presentation. It is a speech with humour rather than a series of one-liners. The procedure for the Humorous Speech Contest is for the contestants to present their speech in a time of five to seven minutes.

☺ All contestants will speak from the same speaking area.

☺ During the presentations you are asked not to move around the room, to avoid causing any distractions. Please turn off your phones. Photographs are not permitted during the contest, but there will be a photo opportunity at the conclusion of the contest. Please remain silent for one minute after presentations to allow the Judges to mark their ballots.

☺ The speaking order as drawn by the contestants is as follows:-

<p>Announce the names of the contestants slowly and clearly so that the Judges, Timers and Ballot Counters can write the names on their forms. Spell names if necessary.</p> <p>Do not make preliminary remarks about any speaker or the subject, nor mention the name or location of the speaker's Club or place of residence.</p>
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☺ The first contestant will be.....

The second contestant will be.....

The third contestant will be.....

The fourth contestant will be.....

The fifth contestant will be.....

The sixth contestant will be.....

☺ I shall introduce each contestant by announcing their name. Join with me in the applause as they arrive within the speaking area. I will then announce the speech title, repeat the speech title and their name. There shall be no further applause and the contestant shall begin their presentation.

Once the formalities are taken care of, deliver your short humorous warm-up, to get the audience in the mood for the speakers.

☺ Chief Judge, are we ready to proceed?

Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome our first contestant.

Contestant	Name (announce the contestant's name, speech title, speech title, contestant's name in a consistent manner for each contestant)	Title
First		
After each speaker has concluded, wait for the red signal from the Timer that one minute of silence has lapsed before proceeding.		
Second		
Third		
Fourth		
Fifth		
Sixth		

After the final contestant, wait for the one minute signal before proceeding with the instructions for the Judges and Ballot Counters.

☺ I ask for silence until the Ballot Counters have collected all ballots. Judges, please ensure that your ballot is valid by printing and signing your name and listing the first three place-getters. Put your ballot into the envelope, and then hold it up for

the Ballot Counters to collect. Ballot Counters, please collect the Judges' envelopes and leave the room with the Chief Judge to tally the ballots.

All contestants come back on stage at the same time, in speaking order to be interviewed for one minute each and presented with their certificate of participation. They may be seated again till the Chief Judge arrives back.

Wait for Chief Judge to arrive with contest results.

Invite the Contest Chair to assist with presentation of certificates and trophies.

Announce any disqualifications for time without naming the disqualified contestants.

☺ In third place is ..... (name)

In second place is ..... (name)

And to represent ..... Club/Area/Division in the Humorous Speech

Contest at (name the next level contest) ..... on

..... (date) in first place is ..... (name)

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Allow time for photos of place-getters. Hand control back to the M.C.

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